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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Need for Creation of a Policy Oriented
Agency Information Review Group

REFERENCE : DDO 77-1091

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1. [REDACTED] memorandum addresses a problem of very considerable importance to all of us and one which I feel could best be approached by in-depth consideration by the EAG. While there are innumerable aspects to the problem it does break out into two basic requirements--the priority need for a centralized index of formerly classified information which has been placed in the public domain; and the need for a coordinating and review mechanism to control such releases from this point forward.

2. As regards the first need--the index--considerable work has been done, but we are still far from the goal. We are now inputting FOIA, Privacy Act and EO 11652 releases into a computer index. The work is very slow, the backlog of inputting is enormous and the system being utilized is technically sufficient only for this limited purpose (and probably only for an interim time period). To attain the capability of an all-source index which Chuck quite rightly advocates, we must agree to the very significant resource commitment required both in terms of ADP and also by the many components which would feed information to the index.

3. The second part of the problem--the control and review mechanism--has not as yet been seriously addressed and raises complex questions. Ideas as to what the mechanism should involve range from the establishment of a public affairs "czar" such as State's Assistant Secretary down to that of setting up a committee which would only meet on what had been identified as significant releases. The right approach probably lies between these two, but given the many Agency components involved, some coordinated study is certainly called for.

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4. You may be aware that the IG Team looking currently at the FOIA and Privacy process is convinced that this activity is but part of a larger problem and the Team is thus addressing itself to the very problem Chuck has posed. While I see no need to wait for the IG's findings before we start serious study of the problem, it is hoped that their objective review will contribute some useful ideas and proposals.

5. In sum, then, I believe this matter should be scheduled for presentation to the EAG on a joint sponsorship basis by the DDO and the DDA. Other parties directly concerned, such as, the Special Assistant to the Director, the Legislative Counsel, etc., should be present at the EAG meeting at which this subject is presented. If you agree, I suggest that Messrs. [REDACTED] be asked to develop a basic paper and an outline of a joint presentation which could be presented to the Acting Director as an EAG agenda item.

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(S) Jack
John F. Blake

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

26 February 1977

The Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President

On behalf of Admiral Turner, I would like to thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to join us in Langley for the 9 March swearing-in ceremony.

We in the Intelligence Community feel your strong support of our mission; it will do much to reinforce the spirit of professionalism, dedication and drive that exists in all intelligence personnel. And, we thank you for it.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

E. H. Knoche

Acting Director

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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The Vice President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

It is a source of both pride and pleasure to all of us in the Agency and the Community that you will be present for the swearing-in ceremony for Admiral Turner. We were notified on the afternoon of 25 February that the ceremony is now scheduled for approximately 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 March. I have already informed Admiral Turner of your decision.

I look forward to greeting you upon your arrival at our Headquarters.

Respectfully,

E. H. Knoche
Acting Director

*Admiral Turner & I are delighted to
have you in a busy week*

*On behalf of Admiral Turner and
myself I ~~would~~ would like to thank you
for taking time from a busy schedule
to join us at the Headquarters in Langley for
the 9 March swearing-in
ceremony. ~~please~~*



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I don't think Chuck has articulated too well what it is he wants or how it would function.

At any rate I would recommend this be put off until 16 Team reports.

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